

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached "Replacement Sheets" of drawings include changes to Figures 1-3. The attached "Replacement Sheets," which include Figures 1-3, replace the original sheets including Figures 1-3.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are now pending in the application. Minor amendments have been made to the claims to overcome the Examiner's objections to claim 16 and to clarify claims 17-23 and 25-29. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In the Information Disclosure Statement, Applicant listed Creighton et al., an application filed on February 25, 2002. Although the foregoing information was correctly stated in the Information Disclosure Statement, the document number had a typographical error. The correct document number is US-2002/0113678. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner also consider this reference.

SPECIFICATION

The specification stands objected to for certain informalities. Applicant has amended the specification according to the Examiner's suggestions. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

DRAWINGS

The drawings stand objected to for certain informalities. Applicant has attached revised drawings for the Examiner's approval. In the "Replacement Sheets", reference numbers "40" and "140" have been added as required by the Examiner.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claim 16 is amended to clarify the claim as required by the Examiner. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-14 and 16-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Ritter et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,241,671) in view of Creighton IV et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 7,019,610). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The present application, Ritter et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,241,671) and Creighton IV et al. (U.S. Patent Nos. 7,019,610) were, at the time the invention of the present application was made, owned by Stereotaxis, Inc., a corporation of the State of Delaware, having its principal office and place of business in St. Louis, Missouri. Accordingly, Ritter et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,241,671) and Creighton IV et al. (U.S. Patent Nos. 7,019,610) are disqualified under 35 U.S.C. § 103(c) as prior art in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claims 15 and 29-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Ritter et al. '671 in view of Creighton IV et al. '610 and Creighton et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,630,879). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

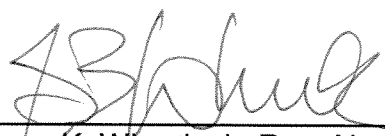
The present application, Ritter et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,241,671), Creighton IV et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,019,610) and Creighton et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,630,879) were, at the time the invention of the present application was made, owned by Stereotaxis, Inc., a corporation of the State of Delaware, having its principal office and place of business in St. Louis, Missouri. Accordingly, Ritter et al. '671, Creighton IV et al. '610 and Creighton et al. '879 are disqualified under 35 U.S.C. § 103(c) as prior art in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (314) 726-7500.

Respectfully submitted,

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